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San Antonio Native Receives Federal Leadership and Service Award Posthumously

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 2013 - The United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) posthumously awarded San Antonio native Joseph Kosler with the Jack Nealon Leadership Award on December 12, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

"The Jack Nealon Leadership Award recognizes individuals for their service and leadership and Joseph exemplified those traits," said NASS Administrator Dr. Cynthia Clark. "His passion and talent for statistics, information technology, and communication were always evident and greatly helped advance projects across our agency."

NASS leadership established the award this year in honor of the late Jack Nealon, the NASS senior executive who raised the bar for service and leadership at the agency by demonstrating strong traits such as integrity, commitment to public service, self-development and respect. Kosler received the first Nealon award for combining leadership and organization skills with talent for statistics, information technology, and communication to take significance editing and iterative sequential regression projects from research to operational feasibility.

Kosler graduated from San Antonio's Thomas A. Edison High School in 1986 and received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Trinity University in 1990. Joseph then attended the Ohio State University where he received his master of science degree and a doctorate in statistics. Joseph joined NASS in June 2010. He passed away on September 19, 2013.

Kosler is survived by his mother Evelyn Kosler of San Antonio; brother Melvin Kosler, Jr. and wife Lisa; sisters Joann Kosler, Elizabeth Fischer and husband Dean, and Amy Kosler.

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